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I have additional information about resources that we may be able to use for our worker notification program. The resources include the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

I have written to HCFA requesting permission to use their MEDICARE file to obtain addresses for former Monsanto employees. This file only contains information for individuals 65 years or older, but if our request is approved HCFA will allow us to mail our worker notification letter on Monsanto stationery with a disclaimer from HCFA. I have sent them a copy of the employee announcement from the p-dichlorobenzene study for a ruling on our request.

I finally made contact with the Internal Revenue Service regarding Project 753. They will send our employee announcement in IRS envelopes, using addresses from the IRS masterfile. However, they will not provide us with any information concerning the success of their mailing.

I also should mention that I have spoken with the director of the National Death Index (NDI). It appears that we may be violating our agreement with NDI, if we use mortality information obtained from NDI to restrict our worker notification program to surviving employees. I also contacted NIOSH concerning this matter, since they plan to use NDI to reduce the mailing list for workers in their dioxin study. We hope to hear from NDI soon concerning the limitations (if any) of using NDI records for the purpose of worker notification.

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